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## ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE ELECTION

Of Officers For The Ensuing Year.—Appointive Position.

At the territorial conclave of St. John's Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., held last week, the following officers were elected: Gr. Master, J. C. Johnson, Wewoka; Deputy Gr. Master, A. D. Johnson, Vinita; Grand Senior Warden, W. L. Brown, Tatum; Gr. Junior Warden, Andy Rider; Gr. Treasurer, S. T. Wiggins, Ardmore; Grand Secretary, W. H. Twine, Muskogee.

These were selected to fill the positions of appointive officers: Grand Senior Deacon, D. Richardson; Grand Junior Deacon, L. E. Sango; Grand Steward, Wm. Vann; Grand Junior Steward, Steve Grayson; Gr. Chaplains, K. W. Washington and R. Manuel; Grand Marshall, A. E. Clark; Grand Pursuivant, M. A. Fisher; Grand Lecturer, J. T. Trimble; Grand Recorder, F. J. Gordon; Grand Special Deputy Recorders, H. H. Hardwick, S. W. Allen and T. J. Brown; Grand Tyler, J. W. James.

### GRAND LODGE SHOTS.

The banquet given by the Masonic Lodge, was quite a brilliant affair and was well attended in spite of the excursions gotten up by the envious parties who desired to make the banquet a failure.

Grand Master, J. C. Johnson, who was elected to succeed himself, is one of the most prominent Negroes of the Indian Territory, and his work for the past year was appreciated by the craft.

Deputy Grand Master, A. D. Johnson, is a resident of Vinita and stands high in the estimation of all the people of his country. The interest of the Craft will be well taken care of at that point and elsewhere.

Grand Senior Warden, W. L. Brown, who resides at Tatum, I. T., is a young man of great promise and will see that the enemies of Ma onry are put to flight in and around his community.

Andy Rider resides at Haden, I. T., is a Cherokee citizen and is one of the most wealthy men in his community and is deadly phison to so called compact masons.

Grand Treasurer, S. T. Wig-

gins, who resided at Ardmore, is a lawyer of ability and one of the best informed masons of the Indian Territory.

The Grand Secretary lives in Muskogee.

The delegates to the World's Masonic Congress at St. Louis, Mo., August 9th, are: F. J. Gordon, J. C. Johnson, F. W. Reed, S. T. Wiggins, and George Fitzpatrick. These will be re-enforced by the lesser lights at said Congress.

There was one fellow, who belongs to the spurious Gr. Lodge at South McAlister, who tried to break in but was ingloriously left out.

The next Grand Lodge convenes at Ardmore, I. T.

### MUSKOGEE UNION RAILWAY.

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Lv. Ft. Smith—  
4:00 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.  
Ar. Muskogee—  
7:31 a. m. and 7:35 p. m.  
Lv. Muskogee—  
6:25 a. m. and 6:20 p. m.  
Ar. Wagoner—  
7:10 a. m. and 8:10 p. m.  
Lv. Wagoner—  
9:55 a. m. and 8-17 p. m.  
Lv. Muskogee—  
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## A SCURRILLIOUS EDITORIAL SHOT

Fired By The Wagoner New Era At The Muskogee Cimeter.

The Wagoner New Era in a scurrillious editorial, presumably written and paid for by Attorney Jones, made a wide attempt to sling some mud and get down in the slums politically and otherwise, in its last issue touching the Cimeter's course on Jones's pet theory to wit: that Republican Mass Meeting Convention. The Era is playing "Friday" to Jones, the Robinson Crusoe. It accused us of ignorance and prejudice and all other sins known in the catalogue of crime. Of course reading between lines, it can be seen who wrote every line of the article from the beginning to the ending. Of course Jones ann his hirlings think the call is proper. When Jones fiddles, these little hirlings dance. Jones imagines he is paving his way into Congress; and the hirlings imagine that they are big lieutents of a big political boss.

The hirling gets away from its base when it says that the Negroes ought to have a convention because boss Jones has called a different kind of a convention. He has called a convention of Republicans and there are other Republican beside Negroes. The Era has a right to be with the purposed call or anything else it desires; but the lies, vituperation and mud elinging of that sheet will not swerve the Cimeter one wit from its original purpose, even if the Era editor does part his name in the middle.

We do not claim to be one of the chieftains and have no ambition for political office. Of course we have never run for Congress and don't care to be sacrificed; and if the hirling sheet desires its boss to run for Congress we have no objection. We simply say that the call for that convention is a mistake. That Jones when he issued the call knew that the little caucus that had been held in his office did not agree upon a Republican mass meeting; and for reasons best known to himself and henchmen, the call was issued as seen in his little hirling.

The awkward hand of Dickinson, the typo, can also be seen in the editorial, he attempts to thro' a rock and hide his hand but has no better success than in hiding

(Allison's) type. Jones the editor and Jones the lawyer are a pair of twins, who while they may have concluded they are the whole show will find that the boys in the trenches of which the Cimeter is one will always do their duty regardless of the cowardly attacks of the assassin and the egotism of an ex-candidate for Congress whose wish and that of his hirlings is, that the Cimeter be relegated to the background. The Cimeter cannot be relegated by such political freebooters as compose the trio that arrogate to themselves the intelligence and ability of the B. I. T. "Lay on McDuff and damned be he who first cries, Hold, enough.

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